HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 445 By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cande Seay, Director of the Methodist Hospital Foundation Hospitality House, on receiving the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to recognize special citizens of our state, who generously contribute their time and considerable expertise to benefit others, thus following the fine tradition of the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, Cande Seay is one such person who, for her work as Director of the Methodist Hospital Foundation Hospitality House, was given the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award by Governor Don Sunquist; and

WHEREAS, each year the tireless efforts of a select group of persons are recognized with this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Oak Ridge, Ms. Seay was honored for her involvement in the establishment of the Hospitality House and her admirable efforts as its excellent director; and

WHEREAS, opened in January 1997, the Hospitality House serves the crucial role of providing temporary housing for outpatients and caregivers who travel long distances for medical care; and

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WHEREAS, this superb facility mainly serves patients undergoing treatment at the Methodist Hospital Regional Cancer Center but also houses outpatients of the Oak Ridge Methodist Medical Center, when space is available; and

WHEREAS, the house is funded by charitable contributions and guests stay at no cost; and

WHEREAS, modestly, Ms. Seay gives credit for the success of the Hospitality House to others stating "I feel honored to receive this award. The Hospitality House has been a labor of love by so many people in the community. I hope they see this as their award too"; and

WHEREAS, Cande previously served expertly as director of the Women's Center of the hospital and was highly praised for her stellar work in that important position; and

WHEREAS, she also works diligently as a member of the Hospitality House Advisory

Board, the Anderson County United Way and the Community Heath Initiative Steering

Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to fondly reflect on the life of service of Cande Seay and all she has meant to her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Cande Seay and wish her every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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